

“The Ethics of Jesus: The Inclusive Self”



Warwick River Mennonite Church

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Vision: Healing & Hope - God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

WELCOME HOME TO Warwick River Mennonite Church

Sunday Worship Service October 20, 2019

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 10:40 a.m.

-- Gathering --

Prelude

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

*Call to Worship

Leader: God, help us welcome those who have come to dwell among us.

For all those who have come fleeing oppression and persecution

— black, white, brown and yellow:

People: God, help us welcome those who have come to dwell among us.

Leader: For those who have come fleeing hardship and hunger:

People: God, help us welcome those who have come to dwell among us.

Leader: For those who have come to join loved ones already here:

People: God, help us welcome those who have come to dwell among us.

Leader: For those who have come seeking freedom and opportunity:

People: God, help us welcome those who have come to dwell among us.

Leader: Let us remember the words of Christ, who said

“I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,

I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

People: When, Lord, were you a stranger that we welcomed among us?

*“Truly, as you did it to one of the least of these,
you did it to me”*

When we welcomed the stranger,

we welcomed you, Christ Jesus, in our midst!

Leader: Loving God, you call us to create hospitable communities.

Help us to overcome any fear and anxiety we may have of those
who come from other lands to live among us.

Give us the courage and wisdom

to create compassionate community.

Grant that we may all live together in peace and love. Amen.

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God's Word--

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:43-48

Time for Silent Reflection

(Children may now go to Children's Church)

*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title: "The Ethics of Jesus: The Inclusive Self" -John Dey

-- Responding--

*Hymn of Response

Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Offering

-- Sending --

*Prayer of Sending:

Leader: God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world,

but you invite us to be your guests.

You lavishly offer us your hospitality

and lovingly welcome us into your family,

You invite us to share in the abundance of your kingdom.

God, you have shown us that providing hospitality to strangers
opens a doorway into the Kingdom of God.

Remind us that when we offer hospitality to others,
we are receiving Christ into our midst and so
fulfilling the law of love.

**People: We open our hearts to embrace the stranger, the friend,
the rich, and the poor,**

**We open our lives to offer a generous heart
toward all.**

Amen.

*Song of Sending

Worship Leader:

Susan Ackerman

Song Leader:

Will Siebels

(*Those who are able may stand.)

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network is grateful to Eric and Kelly Frey Martin who have worked as Colombia Mennonite Church youth leaders for nearly three years. Pray for a smooth transition back to the United States for Eric and Kelly, and confidence of the youth leaders as they take on more responsibilities.
- ❖ Prayers for the all those displaced and suffering due to the effects of Hurricane Dorian. May communities near and far come together to help to those in need.
- ❖ We offer up prayer to our Lord for all the children, whatever their circumstance.
- ❖ Prayer concerns may always be requested and updated by calling or emailing the church office. How may we pray for you?

Happy Birthday ~

October 21 Natalie Blatz
October 23 Rebekah Ferrell; Curt Holsopple
October 24 Juanita Baer
October 25 Emily Miller
October 26 Carolyn Hamblin

Happy Anniversary ~

October 22 Ken & Twila Brunk

2019 Council of Ministries:

Congregation Chair Lisa Ziegler **Pastor** John M. Dey **Head Elder** Kathryn Baer

Outreach Chair Sue Yoder

Stewardship Chair Tom Salyers **Christian Education Chair** Ann Aulich

Worship Chair Mackenzie Butler **Fellowship Chair** Susan Dey

Member-at-Large Noah Shenk **Member-at-Large** Theresa Siebels

Trustees: Mel Shenk, Clark Siebels **Finance Committee:** Steve Ziegler, Noah Shenk

Church office hours are: Tues. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Oct. 20 – Coffee Connect after Worship Service in the Lobby
- ❖ Wed., Oct. 23 – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Ministry's
- ❖ Sunday, Oct. 20 – CROP Walk begins - Grace United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Shoe Lane & Country Club Road
- ❖ Thurs., Oct. 24 - 6pm Senior Fellowship Supper and Program
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 27 – Fellowship Meal follows Sunday Worship Service

-- Announcements --

An additional Adult Sunday School Class experience has begun. This class will be focused on "Who We Are" as Mennonites and Pastor John will be teaching the class. All are welcome.

Oct. 23rd : 6-8:00 p.m. ~ THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING we will be spreading Trunk-or-Treat flyers in the neighborhood. Wear comfortable walking shoes! Our meal this week is Pizza Rice. Looking forward to seeing you Wednesday for fellowship and a good meal. If you have any questions please call Susan or Pastor John.

Oct. 20th: 1:15 p.m. ~ 25th Annual CROP Hunger Walk. Meet at Grace United Methodist Church (at Shoe Lane & Country Club Road). Registration begins at 1:15 and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 27th: 4:00 p.m. ~ KAYAK ACTIVITY GROUP. The last Kayaking Activity Group event will be Sunday, October 27th at 4:00 p.m. Please text or call Pastor John if you plan to attend. Meet at the Millers.

Oct. 31st: TRUNK-OR-TREAT ~ It's time to start planning for the 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat. I just signed up for "Trunk-or-Treat" and you should too! The sign-up sheet can be found at <https://signup.com/go/WSoSWTD>. We need a wide variety of help ranging from donating items to decorating to food service. Last year's event was very successful and we are hoping to replicate and even expand on last year's fun. If you are not comfortable signing up online (your email will not be used for any other lists) or have any questions about how you can help, please call or text Susan Dey, (757) 272-2213. Thank you to all who have signed up so far 😊 **Volunteers still needed!**

Nov. 9th: 10:30 a.m. ~ TRAIL HIKERS ACTIVITY GROUP. Trail Hiker's Group will meet Saturday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m. at the Noland Trail parking lot. If you plan to attend please text or call Pastor John.

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH:

Boxed mashed potatoes, canned meat canned meals, peanut butter, jelly, soups (not tomato), canned fruit, rice, crackers. We maintain a collection box in the hallway for food and another for used shoes. Your help is so appreciated. Thank you very much.

Oct. 25-27: Mennonite Women of Virginia invites you to their Annual Retreat, October 25-27, Richmond, Virginia. For details visit: <https://virginiacconference.org/events/mennonite-women-of-virginia-annual-womens-retreat/>

EVERENCE WEEK OF GENEROSITY ANNOUNCED:

Everence members: You're invited to volunteer at your favorite charity any day during the week of Oct. 21-25, and Everence will donate to your charity. Get the details and register at:

<https://www.everence.com/everence-events/harrisonburg-va/20191021-harrisonburg-week-of-generosity-2019>

Nov. 2: 7:00 p.m. ~ A VMissions Centennial Program will be held on Saturday, November 2, 7:00 p.m. at Park View Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg. Come hear stories, songs, and a centennial video celebrating the past and looking to the future. No reservations are needed for the program. However, if you'd like to attend the banquet just prior to the program, please register by next Wednesday, October 23. Go to <https://100.vmissions.org/2019/08/register-centennial-events/> or you may contact Melanie Sherer at melanie.sherer@vmissions.org or (540) 434-9727.

-- FY 2019 Offering Report -- October 13, 2019

Worship Services: 47; Sunday School: 30; Offering: \$2,525.00
WRCS Shared Utilities (Aug & Sept): \$471.45
WRCLC Shared Utilities (Aug & Sept): \$471.45
Brotherhood (Go Fund Me proceeds) for Elaine's Car: \$1300.00
Offering collected YTD: [Dec. 1, 2018-Oct. 13, 2019] = \$123,030.38
Budget Need [Dec 1 2018-October 13, 2019] = \$161,634.30



Building News Corner:

-- This Week's Building Fund Update --

10/06/2019 Building Fund Balance	\$1,462,436.13
10/13/2019 Noisy Offering	69.00
10/13/2019 Coffee Connect	145.00
10/13/2019 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,462,650.13